

S O M E
OBSERVATIONS
ON THE
C A S E
OF THE

Brethren of the CORPORATION of
Barber Surgeons,
DUBLIN;

Who petitioned the Right Honourable the *Lord Mayor* and Board of Aldermen, against several Arbitrary and Illegal A&S done in the said Corporation, by *John Wright* and *Richard Thompson*, when Masters thereof : And by *John Conliff* and *William Lisle* Wardens ; who upon the Demise of the said *Thompson*, in a very Arbitrary and Fraudulent Manner pretended to Elect *William Hemming* Master of the said Corporation

T O G E T H E R

With a few Reflections on the Answer of *John Wright*, published by him in Person, Saturday the 24th. of January last.

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Audax Omnia Impet.

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OBSERVATIONS


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OBSERVATIONS

ON THE

Case of the Brethren of the Corporation of *Barber Surgeons, Dublin, &c.*

THAT *Bitterness* and *Contention* which at present rage in the Corporation of *Barber Surgeons*, is Matter of Grievance to every honest Citizen and good Protestant, but on the other Hand, furnishes inward Satisfaction, and is fomented by *Papists* and *Jacobites*, Enemies to Christianity, and the inalienable Liberties of Mankind. And here it were to be wish'd, that some of our Fellow Citizens, who call themselves *Protestants* and Lovers of our Rightful Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, were not so cordial Companions and Associates of those Vipers, who have an *Evil* Design and would (when an Opportunity offer'd) lift up a wicked hand to debase our present happy Settlement; a Settlement founded by the Unerring Providence of God, and afterwards preserv'd by many Signal Instances of Divine Power: But these Wretches are always angry against Heaven, for keeping good Order in the Church, and Quietness in the State.

The Author of these *OBSERVATIONS* and *Reflections* (that he might be on the side of Truth, and declare the Faults and Failings of the two contending Parties) hath taken the necessary pains to know from some of the Chiefs of each side, the Ground and Cause of the present unhappy Quarrel.

I shall therefore in what I offer to the publick, keep strictly to Matter of Fact, and tho' some things may be hinted, not in the Case or Answer yet that need not surprize any Person, because Vouchers for every thing of that kind can be produc'd, if requir'd.

The Task I have undertaken is not what I cou'd have wish'd, or in expectation, but when Honest Men's Characters were endeavour'd to be set

wounded, for making a necessary Resistance to the Restless and
 ry Attempts of Men of base Principles, to ruine an Ancient and once
 ing Corporation, it became needful for some Impartial Disinterested
 to give a just Narrative of the Rise and Growth of all the Malice and
 , with which the Brethren of that Corporation have so freely and
 uly loaded each other, from which the unprejudic'd may with ease
 , at whose door the Blame will properly lyē.

Case does, with a great deal of Justice, charge *John Wright* with
 several Illegal Acts, when Master of the said Corporation, and among
 entering into a Combination with *William Hemming*, *Richard Thompson*,
Lawler, *Francis Castel*, *John Walker*, *Alexander Mc Kay*, and some
 , All of the same Stamp; and together with them, forming a Design, to
 odell the Corporation, and Weed out a sufficient Number of it's best
 ds, that they might with ease carry their Aim in any succeeding Electi-
 nd by a kind of Rotation, both place and keep the Government and
 uet thereof in the Hands of their own Faction: And as *Richard*
son was the Person whom they design'd should succeed *John Wright*,
 at his share in this Glorious Work, therefore that his Election might
 miscarry, *Robert Jay* (one of the same Party) must be Employ'd to pre-
 a Writing or By-Law, which he accordingly did and (in his Judg-
 y) fram'd the same so well, as to Accomplish the Grand Intendment
 e said *Wright* and his Party, for on the 23 Day of last June, the said
Wright by pretence of the said By-Law (which in it's Nature and
 instances is truly described in the Case.) Depriv'd the Corporation of
 teen of it's Members, by which means, and by an Arbitrary Assumpti-
 f an Uncontrolable Right of Nomination, after Five or Six Hours
 tes, he declar'd the said *Richard Thompson* duly Elected Master, and
Conkiff and *William Lisle* Wardens.

Richard Thompson, that he might be early in doing some Glorious
 on for Strengthening the Party, of which he then became the head,
 very Day on which he took the Oaths as Master of the Corpo-
 n did declare he wou'd discontinue *Mr. John Moffet* from being Clerk of the
 oration, because he was a Whigg, and (as he said) he cou'd not trust him;
 some few days after admitted and Swore one *Edward Dalton* a Notary
 ick, Clerk, because he cou'd trust him, without Repaying to *Mr. Moffit*
 Money, by which he purchas'd the said Place from *Mr. Jos. Hoyle*
 Clerk: And here 'tis to be Noted, that *Moffit* was admitted and sworn,
 Acted in his Office both in *Wrights* and some part of *Thompsons* time, to
 good liking of the Corporation, and an Order made and Entred in the
 poration Book, that he should continue in the Office of Clerk during
 od Behaviour.

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Dalton paid not one penny for the said place, he knew perfectly well that both Hoyle and Moffit were legally admitted Clerks, but by his being the good Graces of Wright and his Party, he wheedl'd Thomson to Remove Moffit and bring him in, promising to defray at his own charge any expense a Law Suit might on his Account involve the Corporation in.

The Wardens Conliff and Lisle (as mention'd in the Case) that they might manifest how well they had learn'd to Tread in the Steps of Wright and Thompson their Masters, did on the 31st. of December last, the day the said Thompson Died, give orders to the Beadle to Summon the Corporation to Assemble next Morning, which Orders were thus deliver'd.

* The Name of the Beadle. Look you * Walth, you are going out to Summon the Brethren, Mr. Thompson you know is Dead, Act wisely, and acquaint all our Friends that we intend to Elect Mr. Hemming Master, and press them earnestly to be with us to Morrow early? But if any of the other Party ask you what the Business is, you must answer, you cannot tell, neither say any thing more to them than that you were ordered to Summon them to be at the Hall to Morrow Morning, and you also know who are not to be Summon'd: Thus the Beadle behav'd, and where a Vote might be secur'd for the said Hemming, not only the Beadle but the Wardens themselves came, and begg'd and pray'd such Brothers wou'd not fail to be with them. But on the other Hand, about ten or twelve of the Brethren who they supposed wou'd be against Hemming, were not Summon'd at all, and such as were, the Beadle kept them in the Dark as to the business intended.

When such Brethren as had been Summon'd were next Day Assembled in their Hall, the said Conliff and Lisle having assum'd very Magisterial Airs and Authority, pretended to take upon them an Absolute Right of Nomination, which is no where Warranted, either in the Charter or By-Laws, and when the Brethren demanded that the Charter and By-Laws might be consulted, what were the provisions therein made for supplying the Corporation with a Head upon the Decease of their Master, the said Wardens absolutely Refus'd the same, and without either Precedent or Authority pretended to put up in Nomination William Hemming, John Walker and John Draycot, three persons equally obnoxious. The Brethren therefore Rightly Apprehending that there being no Directions in the Charter or By-Laws what shou'd be done upon the Death of a Master, that the Right of Nomination and Election was in the Collective Body of the Corporation, demanded, That the Question might be put, whether those three Persons or any one of them might be put in Election, the said Wardens Answered, No, they wou'd put no Questions, their Business then was to Elect a Master, and that they wou'd do, upon the Foot of their own Nomination, which indeed in a very Arbitrary manner they did, i. e. by pretence of the foremention'd Righteous

y-Law, depriving Thirteen Brethren of their Votes, omitting to Summon several of such as were not in their Interest, and by Arrogating to themselves an Absolute Right of Nomination; they pretended to Elect and Swear the said *Hemming* Master of the Corporation.

Against which pretended Election of the said *Hemming*, and also against the former illegal practices and doings of *John Wright*, the Majority of the Brethren prefer'd two Petitions to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Board of Aldermen, praying that a Day might be appointed by his Lordship to hear and determine the matters therein set forth and Complain'd of, and also Orders from his Lordship to the said *Conliff* and *Lisle* to bring in the Books and Charters of the said Corporation: And hear it will be convenient to Inform the World, what was the Behaviour of those Gentlemen Complain'd against in the said two Petitions. When my Lord Mayor had by his Order brought *William Hemming*, and *William Lisle* before him (for *Wright*, *Conliff* and the other Chiefs thought good to stay at home) his Lordship ordered the Petition against the fraudulent Election of *Will Hemming* to be read to them, and required them to put in their Answer, and Lodge the Charter and Books of By-Laws in Mr. *Peppards* Office Four Days after, and that in the Interim of this Dispute, they shou'd not Collect or Embezzle any of the Corporation Money, which Orders they promis'd to Obey, but as soon as they got out of the Lord Mayors presence, they began to entertain other Thoughts, for in a threatening and daring manner they went about to Collect Money, due to the Corporation, and in the Answer to the Petition against the Election of *Hemming* (For to the Second Petition against *Wright's* illegal practices no Answer was ever put in) they refuse to bring in the Charter and Books, alledging, they could not be safe in the Office; The place where all the Records of the City and many Records of the Kingdom are with great safety Reposited. The said Answer was stuff'd with Scandal, Calumnys, and manifest Falshoods, evading the Matters Complain'd off: To which Answer the Petitioners gave in a Reply, and again pray'd my Lord Mayor to give the necessary Orders to bring these matters to Issue; his Lordship, thereupon appointed Monday the 19th of January at 4 a Clock in the Afternoon for a Hearing; on which Day there appear'd of the petitioners about Forty or more, all ready to make good the charge they had exhibited both against *John Wright*, and against *John Conliff* and *William Lisle* and their party, but of the persons Petition'd against, not one appeared excepting *William Lisle*, who when he was call'd upon by my Lord Mayor, and ask'd, Where were the Rest of his Friends, he it seems had not his answer in exact order, for he Stumbld, and was in great uncertainty what to say in excuse, sometimes alledging they were afraid of being insulted by the other party

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then again, that he Apprehended, *that none were* ~~subscribed to~~ *...*
tho' the orders of my Lord Mayor when produc'd and read were, *that all*
Persons should have Notice; then being as'd for the Charter and Books he
made Answer, *That they were in the Custody of the Master, and he cou'd not*
come at them, which upon a cross Interrogation appear'd an untruth, for he
confess'd, *that he and John Conliff had the Keys of the Chest where the Charter*
and Books were lodg'd in their Custody, besides they had in their Answer, *Pro-*
mitted to bring them with them on the day of Hearing.

Upon this Disrespectful behaviour to my Lord Mayor, and the Board of
Aldermen, his Lordship thought it necessary to give Orders to the said *Lie*
and *Conliff* to call the whole Corporation together and put the Question,
Whether they wou'd or wou'd not bring in their Books and Charter, and submit to
the Determination of that Board, but this was an Affair and a Question
of too much Delicacy to be put, when the Petitioners were Allarm'd, and
might carry their Point, for submitting to the Determination of my Lord
Mayor and the Board, therefore to put the greater slight upon his Lord-
ship and the Board, they refus'd to call the Corporation together, and ne-
glected to send any Answer Written or Unwritten to my Lord Mayor; this
the Party imagined was a piece of singular good Management, but certain-
ly the World will be of Opinion, that *It was the m. st unparallel'd Piece of Inso-*
lence and Contempt, that was ever offer'd to the Chief Magistrate of this, or any
City in the Kings Dominions.

After what hath been said before of *Wright* and his Party, introducing a
pretended *By-Law* to Model the Corporation, in Order to obtain a Majority
of their own *Stanch Friends*, of *Thompsons* doing a Compleat piece of Service
to the Corporation in Removing their Clerk, because he was too honest, and
Swearing one in whom they could confide tho' he had no Right thereto;
of the Wardens *Conliff* and *Liste* Acting their good part upon the Death of
Richard Thompson, and of the unwillingness and fears of the whole Party, when
Petition'd against to submit to have their *wise unblamable Conduct* inquir'd
into by my Lord Mayor and Board of Aldermen, it shou'd be matter of As-
tonishment to every thinking Person to hear of an Answer from *John Wright*
to the Case of the Petitioners; an Answer Retaining abundance of Scurrility
and Scandal, both in the Title and several Paragraphs thereof; but that's a
Talent no Man ought to envy or imitate him in.

In order therefore to undeceive the meanest Capacity, and prevent their
being led into the belief of thole gross Absurditys and Falshoods, which the
said *Wright* hath Amass'd together in his Answer, it will be Needful here
again to say, *that every Article laid down in the Case, is literally true, and*
will

...thing from under the Hand of the said Wright.

I shall now proceed to take due Notice of that *modest Answer*, and be therein tempted to inform the World of some Matters, which have hitherto remained in Obscurity, and might so have continu'd, had not the said *Wright* made it Necessary, by throwing Dirt so thick in his Answer without the least ground for so doing.

In the Answer *Wright* owns, that he made an order to Displace Six of the Council of the Corporation, and Fine them severally 7*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* that he likewise Fin'd nine other Brethren 20*s.* each, that he also did Disfranchise seven other from being Free Brothers of that Corporation for ever.

To gloss and cover which Facts from Appearing in a True light, he says in his Answer, *That by advice of most of the Council of the Corporation he made an Order to Suspend several Brethren for breach of their Oaths, by daily making Discords, Factions, Quarrels, and Animositie amongst the Brethren, by their Contriving, and Signing and publishing a False and groundless Petition, directed to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and board of Aldermen, charging the Master, Wardens and Brethren, with several Illegal and undue Proceedings in Election of Master and Wardens, and in Returning fit Persons to Serve in the Common Council; which said Petition (Wright says) was upon a full hearing before his Lordship and the Board found groundless, and the Return of Common Council-men good and sufficient, the Corporation was thereupon to make a Defence against the Petition, put to the expence of 7*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* and therefore it was thought Adviseable to charge those Six Brethren, Council of the Corporation, with the said Sum and not so much each as the Case Setts forth.*

That the Fining the Nine Brethren 20*s.* each was done in Conformity to an Ancient *By-Law* for abusing the Master and Wardens.

That the Gentlemen said to be Disfranchis'd were only suspended, and Ordered not to be Summon'd, because being Attorneys admitted on Courtesy, they had obstructed the proceedings of the Corporation by Misconstruing and Interpreting the Charter, according to their own Fancies.

In Order to put these Facts in a true and proper Light, I must go a little Back and inform the Reader that the first Years Service of *John Wright* as Master having much Displeas'd the Majority of the Brethren, he having expended all the Surplus Revenue of the Corporation, without paying any part of the Debt due by the Corporation, tho' he was not out of Pocket by Riding the Franchises, the Brethren therefore determin'd to make Choice of some honest Brother to succeed him for the next Year, the said *Wright* at the same time form'd a Factionous Design to get himself Re-elected Master for a Second Year, to effect which, he tamper'd with several of the Brethren, some whereof

whereof he Clandestinely introduced and swore of the Council, and to he made large Promises to obtain their Votes: And on the Day of Election insisted on an Absolute Right of Nomination of 3 Candidates, without giving the Brethren Liberty to Object against any one of them, or the Question to change the Three or one of the Three, a proceeding directly contrary to the Rules and Orders of the Charter; in this ill^m manner he procur'd himself to be Elected, and Swore himself Master in Second Year.

Against which undue Election of *John Wright*, the Brethren who thought their Rights and Priviledges invaded, prefer'd a Petition to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Praying, *the Merits the said Election might be Inquir'd into, and Relief given to the Petitioners.* But said *Wright* set the first Pattern of Disrespect and Contempt of the Lord Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, for he refus'd to submit to the Inquiry and Determination of his Lordship and the Board.

The said *Wright* having, without the consent of the Corporation, on the 27th. day of November, 1717. presum'd to return the Names of Eight of the Brethren of the Corporation, to the Lord Mayor, 4 of whom were to be Elected and sworn of the ensuing Common Council, the Brethren of the Corporation justly conceiving, *That such a Return was contrary to the Directions of the New Rules, and Subversive of the Ancient Rights and Privileges of the Corporation,* Petition'd the Lord Mayor and Board of Aldermen for Relief therein: His Lordship thereupon Ordered the next Fryday following for hearing and determining thereof, and sent Orders to the said *Wright*, to give the Petitioners Notice; but the said *Wright* by the advice of his Party, kept the Notice from the Petitioners, and on the said day of Hearing, the Petitioners being call'd upon, and not appearing (through want of Notice) the Return was deem'd good by default, and not upon a full Hearing, as the said *Wright* falsely in his Answer sets forth.

That Brethren of a Corporation, Freemen of the City of Dublin, and Subjects, sincerely well affected to his Majesty King *GEORGE*, should meet with such Vile Treatment as they have Received from *John Wright* and his Partizans, for Petitioning against the most Outragious Violation and Subversion of their just Rights and Privileges, is surprising, nothing of the kind having before this been Attempted by any, even the most daring: But the good natur'd Mr. *Wright* was resolv'd to Distinguish himself above all that were before him, and I will presume to hope he will be a proper Warning to those that shall be after him.

The proper Defence made by the Brethren against his Incroachments he hath in the pretended By-Laws, and in his Printed Answer, called by the

Names before recited, such as *Breach of Oath, making Faction, &c.* thus when a Brother wou'd oppose an irregular motion in the Corporation, he was *raising Discord*, when two or three agreed to Demand putting a necessary Question, they were presently term'd *Faction*, when said they conceiv'd the Master was wrong in his Notion of a Matter, were immediately deem'd Guilty of Perjury, and when the Charter call'd for to instruct the Master in his Proceedings this was Obstruct- the Regular Proceedings of the Corporation, and upon the whole, when Brethren had joyn'd in Petitioning; this makes an Accumulation of times, and produces thole just and Adequate Punishments of Displacing and Fining Six of the Council of the Corporation 7l. 19s. 6d. each, and Nine others 20 s. each, and Disfranchising Seven others for ever.

The said *Wright* with front enough, says in his Answer, *That the Sum of 7l. 19s. 6d. is to be paid proportionably by the Six, and not so much each as is forth in the Case*; that must be false because when the Pretended By-Law was first Enter'd, and several times Read afterwards, the words were, *that they and each of these six Brethren (naming them) shou'd Pay and Discharge the Sum of 7l. 19s. 6d.* To confirm this, *Wright* Confesses, *there were some words in the said By-Law raz'd and others added*, but to colour that frauds those Razures were made in favour of the Complainants, he wou'd have done well to have told, *When, where, and by whom such Razures were made in the Records of the Corporation for the Majority of the Brethren know nothing of the matter.*

The said *Wright* says, *the Nine Brethren were Fin'd 20 s. each in Conformity to an Ancient By-Law, for abusing the Master and Wardens*, if by an old Law, there was the necessity of making this new Law to punish them, and the other Brethren? but it seems they cou'd not find that by any old Law, Petitioning was adjudg'd an abuse of the Master, or a Crime of any sort, and here by the way, I shall take leave to say, *That these warm headed Sparks took upon them to do a thing not Practicable even by the Legislature of the Nation, to make a Law to Punish ex post facto, and to make that a Crime, not declared to be so before*: I must believe Gentlemen of the House of Commons of Ireland, will not very well Relish such Unwarrantable Practices in Petty Corporations.

The Seven Brethren Disfranchis'd, as the Case sets forth, *Wright* lays, *they are Attorneys admitted on Courtesy, and that the Corporation thought fit for several Reasons, mention'd in his Answer not to require their attendance on Summons*, but denies that he Disfranchis'd them. Let us attend therefore to the Words of their By-Law, viz. *That several Gentlemen Attorneys Admitted Free Brethren on Courtesy, having taken upon them to interpret and Construe the Charter*

Charter, according to their own Justice, and thereby this is *Disfranchisement*, &c. therefore Ordered, That those Gentlemen (naming them) shall for ever be forth be incapable to Vote as Free Brothers of this Corporation, shall not be Summons to attend, in any business and their Names to be struck out of the Rolls and Book of the Corporation; If this be not to all intents and Purposes a Disfranchisement I must confess I am Ignorant of the Nature thereof.

It is pleasant here to observe, that while they are thus Disfranchis'd and destroying the properties of those Seven Gentlemen admitted on Controversy, they retain Eight or Nine others admitted the same way, but these last are their *Stanch Friends*, their *Necessary Voters*, therefore they must be retained.

Learning and Loyalty *Wright* says, in his Answer, are the two *Vulnerable Jewels*, the Corporation Admire and affect, it so, why then is it that these very Gentlemen whose Loyalty to his present Majesty King *GEORGE*, whose love and Zeal for the City in the late dangerous times were so remarkable, whose Learning and Capacity surpass these their Enemies, shou'd be thus singl'd out for a Sacrifice, But they had, and (it was to be fear'd, wou'd again, and again) oppose the Arbitrary Unwarrantable Attempts made by *Wright* and his Accomplices, to Ruin the Corporation, that is, by illegal Practices to wrest the Government of the Corporation out of the hands of the Persons whose Principles they hated, and whose good Oeconomy of the Corporation Revenue they cou'd not with any Patience endure; the Men that *Wright* and his Party were thus sett against in the Corporation were, to a Man, Zealous and hearty in the interest of his Majestys Person and Government, which cannot be said of the other side, and the World will be satisfy'd herein by the Sequel of this Narrative.

Wright says, He did not offer an Accommodation or promise to repeal the said pretended By-Law, that he did not put, or advise the Warden to keep out of the way when the Corporation met, in order to the Removal of the said By-Law, that the next Day it was the Business of his Trade which prevented his fulfilling his promise of meeting the Brethren in the Hall: To these I Answer, That he did offer and first mov'd by one of his Intimates for an Accommodation and did promise upon an Interview had with some of the Petitioners to Repeal the By-Law, that he did advise the Warden to be out of the way, and that if Drinking at Captain Roles, be the Business of his Trade, then he cou'd not come to the Hall, For proof of these Facts sufficient Testimony can be produc'd upon a proper Occasion.

After all the many illegal Acts which the said *Wright* is justly charg'd to have done, when Master of the Corporation the many shiftings and Double Dealings he made use of to screen his Conduct from an Inquiry, The Evasions, Scandal, Calumnys, and Falsities in the Answer he hath lately handed to the Press; Its Monstrous to find him say in the last Paragraph of his Answer,

wer, I hat he is not Agham a of any thing he hath done in or to the Corporation. seems he Glories in his Conduct, and tho his Conscience at the time he says this certainly gives him the Lie, and informs him that he hath done vil; yet for the Sake and Service of the Party and Faction he hath Abett'd, all is justifiable, and tho' he never Repents may imagine he merits Abolution. The *True Tory Spirit* Reigns predominantly in the Man, and now that the *Lyons Skin* is remov'd the *Worthless An*—l is without doubt discover'd.

He daringly Subscribes his Name to his Answer, and affirms the Con-trivers and Forgers of the Case were afraid to do so. Does the Bold Mr. *Wright* want to know their Names, to his Sorrow he will find them Sub-scrib'd to the Petitions and Replication a few Weeks since presented to my Lord Mayor; they are not *Forgers*, that is a Word deserves a little Animad- version and he may expect to hear more of it.

It's now a necessary Transition to look a little into the Preamble or 1st. Paragraph of *Wrights* Answer, where he says, *He's honest, Discharg'd the Corporation of a Considerable Debt due Fifteen Years, his honesty to the Corporation in Paying off that great Debt, and how faithful a Steward he hath been*, will best appear by the several Estimates and Abstracts hereunto Annex'd.

It seems the said *Wright* is at a great loss to know *What is meant by the Word S T A M P*, in the Case; and here for the clearing of that, and some other Uncertaintys, it will be necessary to ask the said Respondent *Wrights* a few Questions, viz.

I. **W**hether in the Year, 1715, he, the said *Wright* did not say in Company at a time when he asked the Vote of a Brother for himself to be Master, and was deny'd it, that he had such an Interest as wou'd make him Master in spight of Whigg and Dissenter.

II. Did he not in the Year 1716. before he cou'd obtain an Interest to be Elect'd Master, solemnly Renounce and Abjure all adherence to, and Inclination to serve or Abett the *Tory Party* in the Corporation, and whether upon Captain Collins's being doubtful of his Sincerity, he did not produce a Brother, now a Petitioner against him, to become Surety for his exact Performance.

III. What part of the Question did he the Respondent *Wright* take when the Corporation came to a Resolution to Punish *Thomas Lawler* for saying in Publick Company that the D—— of M——gh was a Scoundrel.

What,

IV. *What was the particular Toast Drank at the Bunch of Grapes in N. las-Street on the 29 of last April in Company of him the said Wright, and others, and mov'd for, by one of the Respondents chief Partizans, and whether upon plaining it, it was not the Glory of the Night, alias the Birth Night of Monstrous ungrateful Rebel O——d.*

V. *What Principles must the Respondent, and his Associates be of, when J. of them in publick Company, have Drank Confusion and Damnation, to all Whigs and Presbyterians, without a Reprimand.*

It is an undoubted certainty that the Persons who Petition'd and Publish'd the Case, are not of the same Stamp with these Men, they are sure they never made use of Unwarrantable indirect means to put them, or any one of them at the Head of the Corporation; Nor did they or any of them utter such solemn Assurances, and Bail given to the contrary (like the Respondent *Wright*) shift Sides, and become the Head of the Opposite Party, the very Men, who in former times, upon a Dispute of like Nature brought the Corporation to the very brink of Ruin, and ran it into 100,000 Debt; some of that very Party of Men (tho' *Wright* in his Answer, *Distinguishes them by the Epithets of Honest, Quiet, Inoffensive and well affected*, who in the Year 1713 filled the Streets, with *Lawrels* in their Hats and Clubbs in their Hands, the *Church and Queen* in their Mouths, and (we wish) *Popery* and the *Pretender*, were not in their Hearts

The Brethren of the Corporation who Publish'd the Case, are I say, not of the same Stamp of these, they are honest and well affected, but their affection doth not Centre in the same object.

The said *Wright* does in his Printed Answer, and in that to my Lord Mayor, charge the Petitioners with Dissaffection, they are sure, they have to a Man given Evident proofs of their Zeal, and Affection to his Majesty King *GEORGE*, and the Church of *Ireland* as by Law Establish'd, whatever meaning the said *Wright* may have in that Word, I will take leave to explain it, by saying, they are Dissaffected to the Attainted *Popish Pretender*. It were indeed to be wish'd that the conduct of the said Respondent and his Party did not Demonstrate that the End and Aim, they with so much Warmth and Fury strive to obtain, were not to make the Corporation a Nest and a Seminary of Jacobitism and Dissaffection. I shall here presume to be a Prophet for once, and say, that the noble Stand the Petitioning Brethren lately made, to those daring Attempts of *Wright* and his Party will in a short time destroy the mad Scheme they had enter'd upon, and Retrieve the Honour of the Corporation, they have Truth, Honesty, and the Law on their side, what therefore can Retard their Proceedings.

right says, He's sure that if the Complainants knew any ill thing of him they
d have Publish'd it in their Case, and therefore affirms in a very peculiar
e, That he is not a Publisher of false and Malicious Libells against any Person,
* he is no Gamester for money, nor a Noted Profane Curser and Swearer;
is sure is Begging the Question, a Bespeaking himself to the Publick
als for a Man of great Integrity, in the very moment he Confesses, He
h done as many Acts of Violence as woud Blacken a much better Character
n he ever had, and in Answer to his Negative Honesty, I will ask him,
y Sir did you not make your pretended By-Law giving false Characters, and
litting Penalties upon Gentlemen of Candour and Integrity, Learning and Loyalty,
rely for doing that which in Conscience, and by Oath they were oblig'd to do;
id you not give the same false Characters, and Confess you had Inflicted those
nalties in your Printed Answer; Were not both these False and Malicious Li-
lls, and pray Sir did you not after you had contriv'd them, Publish them both in
erson, doth not your pretended Clerk lend his Assistance to Blacken the Cha-
acters of some men, much above the reach of you both, but as to that and some
her discoverys of the Malicious invectives of you and your Party they are reserv'd
i Petto, till another Opportunity.

Gaming you think you have clear'd your self from the Imputation of,
ray Sir look at home and Consider who of your Family carrys an Embroider'd Purse,
with Half Guineas and Quarter Moydors to enable her to Game both at Bassett Om-
ce, &c. and Pray Recollect when and where you glory'd in your dealing out those
pretty Pieces to the Skilful hand of — to be thrown off at her Discretion. This
is a Practice not allow'd of by any one of the Petitioners nor Practis'd by
ne of their Wives.

The Respondent Wright's Honesty to the Corporation in Discharging
he Debt so long Due, will best appear, by looking into the Abstract of the
Revenue and the Estimates of the Ordinary and Extrrordinary annual Ex-
pences of the Corporation; Wherein it is evident that his two years
ervice as Master hath been less to the Advantage of the Corporation by
10 l. than the two Years service of Captain Collins.

In the first year of Captain Collin's Mastership the Revenue of the
Coporation Amounted to no more than 85 l. and the Ordinary and
Extraordinary Necessary Expences to 50 l. yet by this his good Oecono-
ny he made a Saving of 35 l. Surplus Money, (a method not Practis'd by
his Predecessors) and by order apply'd the same to the Lessning the Cor-
poration Debts.

In his Second Year, he increas'd the Revenue to 122 l. 13 s. 4 d. and
tho' the Extraordinary Necessary Expences were considerably Augment-
ed, by allowing Pensions to Superannuated Decay'd Brothers, &c. yet this
year

year also he Accounted for and Paid of the Corporation Debts th
of 37 *l.* 5 *s.* so that in the two Years Mastership Captain *Collins*'s Accou
for and paid of Surplus Money over and above all and all manner of
pences (which were greater than ever was known either before
the Sum of. 74 *l.* 10 *s.*

When *John Wright* was put at the Head of the Corporation there
main'd of the Corporation Debt only 30 *l.* he Receiv'd of Corp
ation Revenue for each Year 122 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and 31 *l.* 19 *s.* 02 *d.* Co
tributions to Enable him to Ride the Franchises, the whole Ammount
to the sum of 277 *l.* 5 *s.* 10 *d.* as by the Annex'd Schedule may appe
The Necessary Expences of the Corporation Ordinary and Extrordinar
in his two Years (including the Charge of Riding the Franchises) we
no more than 154 *l.* 17 *s.* 10 *d.* Notwithstanding that a Sum of 64 *l.* 16
4 *d.* Remain'd or Ought to have Remain'd in his hands of a Ballance du
to the Corporation for the first Year, yet he Refus'd to pay an
part of the Remaining 30 *l.* due by the Corporation, except 2 *l.* 8 *s.* of In
terest for that Year.

In his Second Year, the Surplus Money sav'd, in his Hand Amount
ed to 52 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* yet he pretended when he pass'd his accounts (which
indeed were to be Audited by *Richard Thompson* and his own Party) tha
he could not pay off the Remaining Debt of 30 *l.* unless they wou'd per
mit him to make the Corporation Debtor to him for 14 *l.* which (consider
ing the extraordinary Services he had perform'd for them) they willingly al
low'd of. Upon the most exact Calculation of this affair its no improbable
Conjecture that *John Wright* has in the two Years of his Mastership Em
bezzl'd 99 *l.* 9 *s.* 8 *d.* of Corporation Money and yet he has Front enough
to say he serv'd the Corporation Honestly.

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Since the committing these Observations to the Press, *Wright* and the Chiefs of his Party, mov'd with Just Apprehensions of Accounting in a severe Manner, for all their Illegal Practices; sent Messages, and shew'd great Willingness to Accommodate, and Determine the Differences in Dispute: And in this they Manifested that they are Acted and Mov'd by a strange Spirit, a Spirit of Infatuation, for the Night before the News came in of the intended Invasion from *Cadiz* in favour of the Pretender they seem'd of a Temper, but next Day when (by Appointment they came together, the *Sages* and *Chiefs*, who before were for Consenting in a Peaceful Calm manner to Ask Pardon and do Justice to their Injur'd Brethren, were now lter'd and Chang'd into great Wrath and Bitterness. And (as 'tis said) did then and there raise from among their Party a Fund of 30 *l.* to support and Maintain their Fatious C A U S E.

These Demonstrations of the Evil Conduct of *John Wright* when Master of the Corporation of *Barber Surgeons*, are sufficient to Vindict the Characters of the Petitioning Brethren, and 'tis certain the Consciousness of his Guilt was the only Reason that he and his Party refus'd to appear before the Lod Mayor and Board of Aldermen, upon the Day Appointed by that Honourable Bard for an Inquiry into the Facts complain'd of.

Many other things might be added to Illustrate the the Characters of those *Honest, Quiet, Inofensive* and *Well affected Men*, which may perhaps be the Work of a second Undertaking.

An Abstract of the Annual Revenue of the Corporation of Barber Surgeons for three Years last past.

	l.	s.	d.
Paid by 80 Free Brothers at 2s. 8d. each, —————	10	13	04
Paid by 160 Foreigners at 10s each, one with another ———	80	00	00
Paid by 20 Ditto, at 20 s. each ———	20	00	00
Paid by 1 Ditto, 40 s. ———	2	00	00
By Extraordinarys of the Year, such as Fines for admitting Freemen, Beadle Fines, Licence to Prattise, &c. ———	10	00	00
	122	13	04

Contributions rais'd by John Wright, to enable him to ride the Franchises of the City, 1716.

From 120 Foreigners, at 2s, 8d. each	16	05	0
From 10 Free Brothers at 10 s. ea ch. for omitting to Ride, ———	5	00	00
From 50 Free Brothers at 4s. each, for the Dinner, ———	10	00	00
	31	5	0

John Wright Debtor to the Corporation of Barber Surgeons, for Cash Receiv'd by him when Master of the said Corporation, viz.

Corporation Revenue paid in to his hands, Anno 1716, ———	122	13	4
Contributions for Riding the Franchises, 1716, ———	31	5	0
Corporation Revenue paid in to his hands, Anno 1717 ———	122	13	4
	276	11	08

An Estimate of the Annual Expences of the Corporation Ordinary and Extraordinary.

Pensions to 3 Decay'd Brothers, and 1 Widow ———	13	00	00
To the Clerk, Hall, Rent and Beadle Swearing Dinner and 4 Quarterly Dinners ———	14	0	0
To 4 Common Council Men, the 4 Assemblies ———	2	13	04
Extraordinary necessary Contin- gent Expences ———	22	0	0
	69	13	4
Surplus Money suppos'd to be Due to the Corporation for the Year 1716 ———	53	00	00
	122	13	4

Expences in Riding the Franchises 1716.

To Grooms for Horses Borrow'd ———	4	12	6
For Wine, &c. in the Green and James's Street ———	1	12	0
For Meat bought by Mrs. Wright for Dinner ———	3	0	0
For Bread and Dressing at the Rose ———	1	0	0
For 40 Bottles of Wine at 16 d. ———	2	13	4
For Trumpets and Kettle Drum ———	6	18	0
For Ribbons ———	2	00	00
	21	15	10
Refts of the Contribution Money ———	9	9	2
	31	5	0

Ballance Due to the Corporation of Surplus Money suppos'd to be in John Wrights Hands his Second Year.

John Wright is per Contra Cred.

Ordinary and Extraordinary Expences of the Corporation for the Year, 1716. ———	69	13	4
Expences in riding the Franchises, 1716 ———	21	15	10
Cash, paid one Years Interest for 30 l. due from the Corporation, 1716 ———	2	8	0
Ordinary and Extraordinary Expences for the Year 1717 ———	69	13	04
Cash paid to discharge the Debt of 32 l. 8 s. but at the same time made the Corporation Debtor to him 14 l. ———	18	08	0
	181	18	6

Ballance supposed be to in Wright's Hands, due to the Corporation ———

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N. B. That a Sum of 36 l. Receiv'd by Wright in his two Years Master ship from 60 Journeymen, 6 s. each, being omitted in this Abstract, which added to the Sum of 94 l. 13 s. 2 d. (being the Ballance supposed to be in the said Wright's Hands, due to the Corporation, over and above all and all manner of Expences, Ordinary and Extraordinary) advances it to the Sum of 130 l. 13 s. 2 d. A handsome Sum for a Man of his Honesty to put in his Private Purse, and at the same time say, He is not ashamed of any thing he hath done.

